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MECHANISM FOR A SURGICAL  
TOOL

Dear Mr. Greenbaum:

This is in response to your communication received 14 November 2001 requesting the status of U.S. application 09/890,581. U.S. application 09/890,581 is before the United States Designated/Elected Office for the issuance of a "NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) (Form PCT/DO/EO/905). Applicants will receive further correspondence in due course.

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